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A Message from Mayor Annette Iafallo – Ridge Road Re-milling/Re-striping & Protected Bike Lane

We're in the early stages of planning a re-milling/re-striping project for Ridge Road, from South Park Avenue west to Route 5. Work is expected to begin no later than this fall and be completed before winter, weather permitting.

Until this project is completed, the protected dual bike lane on the north side of Ridge Road, from Route 5 east to Electric Avenue, remains an active bike lane and all appropriate vehicle/safety precautions are to be followed.

With the recreational biking season fast approaching, the DPW will soon begin re-installing the yellow barrier cones to ensure biker, pedestrian and motorist safety. To improve traffic flow along Ridge Road, we're planning to reduce the width of the protected bike lane by moving the barrier cones in approximately two feet from where they were placed last year. A refresh of the yellow line and other road markings will also be completed.

As I noted in my State of the City address, the protected bike lane pilot project was a well-intended initiative that unfortunately didn't turn out as planned. We're learning from this experience and moving on. Once Ridge Road is re-milled/re-striped, the protected bike lane will be removed and we will evaluate the use of traditional bike lanes along Ridge Road at a future date.

While the protected bike lane is active, I ask for everyone's patience and cooperation to navigate Ridge Road safely, especially during the summer months when bike lane usage is expected to be higher.

Additional updates on the Ridge Road re-milling/re-striping project will be shared when appropriate in the coming months.